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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 98,009-B1)

In the application of:

Kathleen E. Rodgers, et al. )  
Serial No: To be assigned ) Art Unit: To be assigned  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: **METHOD OF PROMOTING** ) Examiner: To be assigned  
**ERYTHROPOIESIS** )

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendments to the specification and claims:

*In the Specification:*

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Please delete lines 6-8 on page 1 and substitute the following: "This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/245,680, which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/074,106 filed February 8, 1998 and 60/111,535 filed December 9, 1998."

*In the claims:*

Please cancel claims 3-30 without prejudice to their filing in subsequent continuation or divisional applications.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for augmenting erythropoiesis comprising contacting erythroid progenitor cells with an amount effective to augment erythropoiesis of at least one active